

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

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Scenario (Priority)	Description	Analyses to be Performed	Models to be Used	Status	Resource Actions addressed by Scenario	Workshop Presentation
(0)	Benchmark Study (Existing Conditions): This scenario uses the current level-of-development hydrology as well as the current regulatory framework (which includes the existing biological opinions for steelhead and spring-run chinook salmon).	This scenario is the basis for comparing all other operational scenarios.	CALSIM II HYDROPS WQRRS HEC-RAS	Completed Near Completion Completed Completed		Aug 12, 2003 Oct 20, 2003 Feb 11, 2004
	Benchmark Study (Future Conditions): This scenario uses the future level-of-development hydrology as well as the current regulatory framework (which includes the existing biological opinions for steelhead and spring-run chinook salmon).	This scenario is the basis for comparing all other operational scenarios. O&M to review the OCAP version and analyse the need and addition of future projects.	CALSIM II HYDROPS WQRRS HEC-RAS	Near Completion – – Completed		Not scheduled for presentation
1 (1)	Eliminate pump-back operations: This scenario is the same as the Benchmark scenario except pump-back operations are eliminated to test estimate the effects that of pump-back would have on water temperatures in Thermalito Afterbay and the Feather River.		HYDROPS WQRRS	Completed Complete	EWG-35, EWG-83, EWG-87	February 11, 2004?
2 (2)	Eliminate pump-back and peaking operations: In addition to eliminating pump-back operation, this scenario also “flattens” the generation pattern – no peaking of the generation – May through September to test effects that peaking would have on water temperatures in Thermalito Afterbay and the Feather River.		HYDROPS WQRRS	Completed In Progress	EWG-35, EWG-83, EWG-87	February 11, 2004?
3	Minimize the water surface fluctuation in the Thermalito Afterbay during bass and waterfowl nesting periods: This scenario is the same as the Benchmark scenario except water surface fluctuations in the TAB are minimized from March through June. Two specific model runs would be analyzed; one with no fluctuation and the other with minor fluctuation in water surface.	Perform desktop analyses to look at how contingency operations are impacted by this action.	HYDROPS WQRRS		EWG-28	Not scheduled for presentation
4	Maintain a constant water surface fluctuation in the Thermalito Afterbay during bass and waterfowl nesting periods: This scenario is the same as the Benchmark scenario except water surface in the TAB is required to fluctuate each day for the period March through June. Two specific model runs would be analyzed.	Perform desktop analyses to look at how contingency operations are impacted by this action.	HYDROPS WQRRS		EWG-28	Not scheduled for presentation

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5	Eliminate the Fish Hatchery temperature requirement as a control for Oroville Dam operations: This scenario assumes the Fish Hatchery water can be cooled by a means independent of the source water temperature; thus, it does not impact decisions on facility and river temperatures.		HYDROPS WQRRS		EWG-35, EWG-36, EWG-37, EWG-38, EWG-83, EWG-87	Not scheduled for presentation
6	Increase minimum release to low flow section: This scenario is the same as the Benchmark Scenario except the release to the Low-Flow section of the Feather River will be increased (value to be determined from fisheries studies) during the key spawning and rearing period (June through December).	This requires setting a constraint exception for releases to the low flow channel for part of the year. Similar to Scenario 22. Increases in increments of 1500, 2000 and 4000 cfs are being done	HYDROPS WQRRS	In Progress	EWG-3, EWG-88	Not scheduled for presentation
7 (2)	Gradual flow increase for spawning: This scenario is the same as the Benchmark Scenario except the release to the low flow section of the Feather River will be increased and held during the key spawning and rearing periods in the fall. Once the flow is ramped to the desired level, it will be maintained until the larval fish emerge from the gravel (April?). This scenario would be based upon the Benchmark scenario, but may require re-run of CALSIM II if ramped Low-Flow section releases exceed the total release prescribed in the CALSIM II Benchmark.	This requires setting a new constraint exception for releases to the low flow channel for part of the year. Flows to consider: 1000, 1500, 2000 1200 for the period from October to May.	Desktop Analysis HYDROPS WQRRS	Modeling Plan has been drafted and staff is beginning to work on data preparation.	EWG-15A, EWG-15B	February 11, 2004?
10 (2)	Impose various water temperature requirements (60°F and 65°F) at various locations along the river (Robinson Riffle, Thermalito Outlet, Honcut Creek, etc.): This scenario attempts to meet the water supply needs prescribed from the CALSIM II benchmark scenario while adjusting Oroville Facilities operations to achieve the temperature objective from June through September. CALSIM II would be re-run as needed to investigate potential water supply effects.		CALSIM II (if needed) HYDROPS (if needed) WQRRS	In Progress	EWG-36, EWG-37, EWG-38	February 11, 2004?

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12	Impose a 9-foot per month drawdown limit on Lake Oroville: Reservoir level would be allowed to drop 9 feet per month from March through June. Review of Existing Conditions Benchmark indicates that there will be a problem in many June's.	Review water supply and available export capacity impacts from CALSIM II	CALSIM II HYDROPS WQRRS	May not be needed at this time.	EWG-30	Not scheduled for presentation
13 (1)	WATER SUPPLY IMPACT ON LAKE OROVILLE WATER LEVELS: This set of scenarios is to evaluate how sensitive Oroville lake levels are to varying levels of SWP demands. The SWP demands will be set at 0, 1.0, 2.0., 3.0, and full Table A (4.2) levels.		CALSIM II	Completed	None	October 20, 2003
14	Investigate the effects of providing additional flood reservation: The approach would be to perform reservoir routing analysis for additional flood reservation conditions. Operations models would be used to investigate impacts to other resource areas.		CALSIM II HYDROPS WQRRS ResSim	Flood operations is being considered as scenario in separate flood analyses. CALSIM II runs will be performed as needed based upon results. There may be no need to run HYDROPS OR WQRRS	None	Not scheduled for presentation
15	Construct channel to carry water around TAB: Same as the Benchmark Scenario but this scenario includes a channel that leads from the Thermalito Power Plant to the afterbay near the Feather River outlet. This would allow water to reside longer in the afterbay before being diverted by Western or Sutter Mutual.	WQRRS can not model this as stated. Would require development of some other analysis technique.	Desktop Analysis		EO1	Not scheduled for presentation
17 (1)	Investigate the extent of temperature control from the Oroville Facilities: This is a sensitivity analysis (see SP-E6) of how far downstream from the Oroville Facilities that water temperature can be controlled.		WQRRS	Completed	EWG-83	October 20, 2003
17a (2)	Investigate the extent of temperature control from the Oroville Facilities: Look at how air and water temperature, as well as flow, affect water temperature downstream of the afterbay outlet during the spring-time.	Similar approach as Scenario 17. Analysis starts in Feather River just below afterbay. Factors to analyze include ambient temperature, water temperature, and flow.	WQRRS	Completed		February 11, 2004?

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18	Hold Thermalito Afterbay at a minimal water level: This scenario is to investigate the effect that water volume has on afterbay water temperatures during the spring.	WQRRS, Post-process Benchmark to get new storage for each hour	HYDROPS WQRRS		EWG-87	Not scheduled for presentation
19	Investigate the impacts of power economics on power production: This is a sensitivity analysis to see how changes in power economic assumptions affect peaking and pumpback power operations.		HYDROPS WQRRS			Not scheduled for presentation
20 (2)	Limit pump-back operations: The benchmark scenario is designed to optimize pump-back operations. Thus, there will be times when it will utilize pump-back to a greater degree than observed in actual operations. Another model scenario (#1) sets pump-back to zero. This model scenario will all pump-back operations to occur; the goal is to model pump-back levels that are near the levels observed historically.		HYDROPS WQRRS	Completed In Progress		February 11, 2004?
24	Winter water temperature sensitivity analysis: This is a sensitivity analysis to investigate the extent of temperature control in the river downstream of the Oroville Facilities during the spring period.	Similar approach as Scenario 17. Analysis starts in Feather River just below afterbay. Factors to analyze include ambient temperature, water temperature, and flow.	WQRRS	Moved to Scenario 17a.	EWG-87	
22 (2)	Release additional flow to low flow section: Releases from the TAB would be curtailed from (could be all year, but most likely May through December). During that period, water would be released to the river at the Diversion Dam. The purpose of this scenario is to evaluate (1) the effect of residence time on water temperatures in the afterbay and (2) the effect of water temperatures and attraction flows on fall spawning and rearing.	Details on performing model runs to be determine. Discharge rates to the low flow channel may vary up to 4000 cfs. Increments include 1000, 1500, 2000 and 4000 cfs. Most likely, the scenario would be completed as a series of sensitivity runs.	HYDROPS WQRRS	Completed Pending	EWG-35, EWG-36, EWG-37, EWG-38, EWG-83, EWG-87	